

October 6, 2009

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RE: Louisiana Shrimp

Dear Mr. Duke:

The Louisiana Shrimp Task Force, established by Governor Bobby Jindal in August, is charged with examining the Louisiana shrimp industry as a whole, identifying problems prevalent to the industry and developing plans or proposing policies to improve the economic sustainability of the industry.

As task force chairman, I strongly encourage supermarkets and major seafood buyers to purchase and sell Louisiana shrimp. The effects of the current global economic slowdown on local markets and the impact of foreign produced shrimp on domestic markets has led to record low prices, threatening the economic sustainability of the Louisiana shrimp industry. With your commitment and support of purchasing and featuring wild-caught Louisiana shrimp you will be assisting an American industry with a long and significant cultural, historical and economic impact on the state and nation.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Barham, Secretary,  
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

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